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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: US/RTG BILATERAL AGREEMENT

1. US AND THAI TEXTILE NEGOTIATORS REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW
FIVE YEAR BILATERAL TO TAKE EFFECT RETROACTIVELY JANUARY 1,
1978.

2. BASIC TERMS ARE:

- A) NO AGGREGATE OR GROUP ONE (NON-APPAREL) CEILINGS
- B) 1978 GROUP TWO (APPAREL) CEILING OF 53 MSYE WITH NO
CARRY OVER FROM 1977, BUT WITH SEVEN PERCENT ANNUAL GROWTH
AS FROM 1979.
- C) DCLS IN CATEGORIES 313, 314, 315, 317, 319, 320,
AND 613.
- D) S/LS IN CATEGORIES 331, 334/5, 338/9, 340, 341,
347/8, 445/6, 634/5, 639, 641, 645/6, AND 647/8.
- E) ALL S/LS INCREASE BY SEVEN PERCENT IN SECOND AND
SUCCEEDING YEARS EXCEPT FOR WOOL. NO CARRYOVER INTO 1978.
- F) NO RPT NO SWING FOR SPECIFIC LIMITS AS EQUIVALENT
HAS ALREADY BEEN FOLDED INTO NEW LEVELS FOR S/LS.
- G) STANDARD ELEVEN PERCENT CARRY OVER AND CARRY FORWARD

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AS FROM SECOND YEAR.

H) ALL OTHER PROVISIONS STANDARD INCLUDING ADDITION OF
IMPORT CONTROL PROVISION.

3. AGREEMENT SERVES INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. RTG OBTAINED
MEANINGFUL RELAXATION IN LESS SENSITIVE FABRIC AREA AND,
FROM ITS POINT OF VIEW, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN SOME OF

THE CATEGORIES NOW UNDER SPECIFIC LIMIT IN APPAREL. USG OBTAINED DOUBLING OF CATEGORIES UNDER SPECIFIC LIMIT, EXTRA YEAR OF AGREEMENT, ELIMINATION OF SWING, AND ELIMINATION OF CARRY OVER INTO 1978.

4. USTEXDEL MADE IT CLEAR TO US INDUSTRY AND LABOR ADVISORS FROM THE START THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND LIBERAL TOWARD RTG THAN TO BIGGER SUPPLIERS, AND ADVISORS HAVE ACCEPTED THAT. AS USUAL, NEGOTIATIONS WITH RTG DELEGATION WERE FRIENDLY AND PLEASANT.

5. MRS. BERRY OF EB/TEX HAND-CARRYING MOU.
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